



Scholarship Application for private lessons July- December 2026

The Paul Thorpe Music Education Fund at Asheville Music School has been created in honor of Paul Thorpe, director of AMS, 2003-2011, to bring music lessons, instruments, and outreach to our community and those in need. Scholarship awards are determined by a committee of Asheville Music School board members and the Scholarship Manager.

Scholarships are awarded for six month semesters: July through December and January through June. Families must re-apply for scholarships each semester. Families who are awarded scholarship funds through the PTMEF are strongly encouraged to contribute back to AMS by volunteering at least 4 hours during the scholarship semester.

Criteria for award includes:

- Proof of financial need
- Evidence of commitment to music education
- If re-applying, past record of volunteer hours completed

To apply: **Completed Applications must be received by May 18, 2026**. No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Applications may be emailed to scholarships@ashevilmusicschool.org. Paper copies may be mailed or hand delivered to the AMS office. The deadline is a RECEIPT date.

A completed application consists of:

- Completed application form
- Personal statements from Student and Parent
- Proof of financial need
 - Copy of 2015 Federal individual income tax return Form 1040 (pages 1 and 2).
 - W-2 forms are not preferred, but acceptable in some circumstances (please inquire)
 - If you do not file an individual tax return, you may submit one of the following:
 - Copy of Social Security Benefits statement (if applicable)
 - Proof of government assistance (if applicable)
 - If you have questions about financial need documentation, please contact the Scholarship Manager well in advance of the deadline.



Scholarship Application Form July-Dec 2026

Date _____

Student Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Mailing address _____

Instrument/voice _____ Number of years studying music: _____

If applicable, what AMS teacher are you currently studying with? _____

Is there a specific AMS teacher you would like to study with? _____

Do you currently have an instrument to practice on at home? _____

Are you currently involved in other ensembles or activities at AMS or elsewhere? Please list:

Personal Statement (on a separate sheet of paper):

Student:

- Why do you want to study music?
- What are your long-term goals for music in your life, and how could this scholarship help you achieve those goals?
- If you are a current scholarship student reapplying, please include a summary of your family's volunteer activities this past semester.

Parent:

- What is your commitment to music lessons?
- What are your beliefs about the importance of music and practicing a musical discipline in your child's life?